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SUBJ: NEW HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR LONDON- ARTHUR STANLEY WINT

1. THE JAMAICAN GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF DR. ARTHUR STANLEY WINT TO SUCCEED SIR LAWRENCE LINDO AS THE HIGH COMMISSIONER IN LONDON WHEN THE LATTER RETIRES LATE THIS YEAR. DR. WINT, WHO IS 53, WAS EDUCATED AT CALABAR AND EXCELSIOR HIGH SCHOOLS. HE SERVED IN THE RAF IN WORLD WAR II AND REMAINED IN ENGLAND WHERE HE QUALIFIED AS AN M. D. IN 1953 AND AS A " F. R. C. S." IN 1963.

2. ON HIS RETURN TO JAMAICA IN 1963, DR. WINT SERVED AT BOTH THE KINGSTON PUBLIC HOSPITAL AND THE CHILDREN' S HOSPITAL. AFTER A SHORT STINT AT THE FALMOUTH HOSPITAL, HE WAS APPOINTED IN 1965 AS MEDICAL OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE LUCEA (NO THE NOEL HOLMES) HOSPITAL WHERE HE IS PRESENTLY SERVING.

3. DR. WINT BECAME THE FIRST JAMAICAN TO WIN A GOLD MEDAL IN THE OLYMPIC GAMES WHEN HE WON THE 400 METER RACE IN 1948. IN THE 1952 OLYMPIC GAMES, DR. WINT AS A MEMBER OF THE JAMAICAN TEAM THAT WON THE 4 X 400 METER RELAY. HE HAS CONTINUED ACTIVE IN SPORTS AFFAIRS AND WAS AWARDED AN M. B. E. FOR HIS SERVICES TO SPORT IN BRITAIN . IN
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RECOGNITION OF HIS ACHIEVEMENTS AS AN ATHLETE AND HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO ATHLETICS IN JAMAICA, A STATUE OF DR. WINT GRACES THE ENTRANCE TO THE NATIONAL STADIUM AND A STREET NEARBY BEARS HIS NAME.

4. ALTHOUGH DR. WINT HAS SERVED HIS GOVERNMENT AS AN ADVISER ON SPORTS AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION FOR MANY YEARS, HE HAS NOT BEEN INVOLVED WITH JAMAICA'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS OR DOMESTIC POLITICS. HE IS, THEREFORE, NOT PERSONALLY KNOWN TO EMBASSY OFFICERS. ON THE BASIS OF HIS REPUTATION, HOWEVER, HE APPEARS TO BE A SOUND APPOINTMENT, ALTHOUGH HIS SERVICES AS A MEDICAL PRACTITIONER IN JAMAICA WILL BE SORELY MISSED.
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